

No. 4577,
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE,

At Brownsville, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Dec. 9th, 1892.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts, \$ 59,444.67
Overdrafts, Secured and Unsecured, 4,721.73
U. S. Bonds to secure Circulation, 12,500.00
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, 581.21
Due from other National Banks, 7,082.76
Due from State Banks and Bankers, 760.78
Banking-house, Furniture, and Fixtures, 2,878.72
Current Expenses and Taxes Paid, 1,527.24
Checks and other Cash Items, 675.87
Bills of other Banks, 1,240.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents, 81.01
Specie, 11,243.60
Legal Tender Notes, 2,260.00
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer, (5% of Circulation) 562.50

\$105,560.09

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in, \$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund, 486.38
Undivided Profits, 4,824.80
National Bank Notes Outstanding, 10,750.00
Individual Deposits subject to Check, 38,857.41
Demand Certificates of Deposit, 641.50

\$105,560.09

State of Texas, County of Cameron, ss.:

I, J. D. Anderson, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. D. ANDERSON, CASHIER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this
19th day of Dec. 1892.

Correct—Attest.

WM. KELLY,
EMILE KLEBER,
M. B. KINGSBURY,

} Directors.

F. W. Seabury, Notary Public,
Cameron County.

How Sullivan Composes Music.

Sir Arthur Sullivan, the composer, was recently asked where he was able to compose best, and under what circumstances his ideas flowed most freely. He replied that there was no place in which he had so many inspirations as in a railway carriage. There is something in the rapidity of the motion, in the clanging of the iron and in the whirling of the wheels which seems to excite his imagination and supplies material for a host of harmonies.—London Star.

To Predict a Storm.

By placing two iron bars at seven or eight yards distance from each other, and putting them in communication on one side by an insulated wire and on the other side with a telephone, it is said that a storm can be predicted twelve hours ahead through a certain dead sound heard in the receiver.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Universality of the Sign Language.

It is a fact worth noting that the signs used by the Indians of North America are identical in many instances with those employed by the deaf mutes of today. A short time ago a friend of the writer, who had spent considerable time among the Indians, but who had never talked with a deaf mute before, conversed with some pupils of the New York institution by means of signs which he had learned from the red men. "Where are you going?" and "I am going away on horseback," were the same when given by the deaf mutes and by the visitor.

Another instance showing the sign language to be a universal one was when the mother of the writer, herself a deaf person, while attending a convention of instructors of the deaf in France, conversed on various topics with a mute friend by means of signs. The French lady had no knowledge of the English language, while the American knew hardly a word of French.—Scribner's.

An Experienced Artist.

Star—This is a very good play, but it will have to be revised considerably.

Dramatist—Impossible, sir.

Star—Oh, it must be. You make the hero appear in every act. That won't do. The hero must be taken out of the first act, and also out of the last.

Dramatist—What! Open and close the play without the hero?

Star—Certainly. You see I am my own manager, and I shall be busy in the box office during the first act, and very often busy with the sheriff during the last act.—New York Weekly.

During the reign of Henry III of France the doublets of men and bodices of the women were so extravagant that a contemporary declared the former looked like bees, the latter like wasps.

At Baku, Russia, there is an immense oil well that "ebbs and flows" with the same regularity as do the ocean tides. It is believed to have some mysterious connection with the sea.

Let a boy take note of this in the outset of life. If he would make friends or followers he must go beneath the politician, the tradesman, the logician, and find the man under all.

On foggy winter days English railways employ thousands of extra hands to place detonating signals on the rails, the ordinary semaphores being invisible.

Royal Persons Who Own American Land.

According to the information and belief of a wide awake member of the Real Estate exchange, nearly all of the foreign potentates are investors in New York real estate. He declares that the purchase of a valuable piece of property in Nassau street, made about a year ago by a foreign banking house, was an investment of Queen Victoria's. "The queen owns other real estate in this city," said the well posted man, "and she has bought thousands of acres of land out west. The royal family of Germany has extensive investments in this city and elsewhere, and so has the king of Sweden. The ex-Empress Isabella of Spain owns several pieces of property in this city and in other parts of the United States. She is a woman of great foresight. The land on which the Western Union building stands was once the property of the Empress Eugenie, and I presume that she still has some investments here.

"King Humbert of Italy is reputed to be a judicious buyer of property in this country, and persons suspected of being agents of the czar of Russia have been looking about on this side of the water for first class investments. I tell you those people who are in the king business in Europe are shrewd. They cannot tell how soon they may be shaken off their thrones by political revolutions, and they mean to have something to fall back on in this land of the free. How much better off Dom Pedro would have been if he had invested a few millions of Brazilian money here several years ago." —New York Times.

Communicating with Paris.

The methods employed by the Parisian authorities for communicating with the provinces during the siege of Paris were persevering and ingenious. The principal means of sending letters was by balloons and carrier pigeons, but many other plans were tried. It was almost impossible for a messenger to get through the German lines. Even when other difficulties could be overcome the danger of a search and a discovery of the dispatch was great.

Many of the messengers made incisions in the skin and hid a dispatch under the epidermis. Others provided themselves with hollow ten centime pieces or hollow keys, which could be opened like a box and in which dispatches could be hidden. One was accustomed to hide his dispatch under an artificial hollow tooth. These dispatches of course were written in cipher, and covered only a fragment of paper.

Attempts were made to cross the enemy's lines by following the caves and natural tunnels under the left branch of the Seine, and by diving and crossing the bed of the river in diving suits, but these plans failed.

A curious scheme was the putting of letters into little hollow spheres of zinc, and throwing these spheres into the Seine or its tributaries, hoping that they would float to Paris. They did float to Paris, but not until after the armistice. It was supposed that they were stopped by dams, or that they were discovered and held back by the Germans until the siege was at an end.—Youth's Companion.

Why the Hair Grows Gray.

As to the hair growing gray, it results in the majority of cases from the partial closing of the hair cells and the reduction of the quantity of natural coloring matter which the closing produces. —Allan's Express.

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